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[Despatch Abstract.]

Examinations - Basic T.S.L.C. Examination -
Scheme of examination Revision of Cycle 151

Copy of the letter No.157 M/50, dated 23rd January 1951, from the Director of Public Instruction, Madras addressed to the Secretary to Govt., Education Dept.

SUB: BASIC T.S.L.C. EXAMINATION-- Scheme of Examination for the -- Proposal submitted.

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At present apart from the internal school examination the following papers are set for the written tests;--

	<u>Total marks.</u>
1. First Paper (a) Child Study Part I ---	100
(b) Principles and methods of Basic Education, Part II ---	100
2. Second Paper (a) Rural Service and Citizenship Training Part I ---	100
(b) Theory of School Activities -- Part II ---	100

The above scheme has been approved by Govt. on the recommendation of the Basic T.S.L.C. Board. There is therefore no compartmental system in the case of the regular T.S.L.C. Basic Examination and hence if a candidate fails in any subject he has to appear for all the subjects ~~separately~~ ^{supplementally}.

2. At the Public Examination held in March 1950 it was found that the percentage of passes was low -- 51% for seniors and 23% for Juniors. On the persistent representations from the B.E.O., who was more anxious to increase the number of passes than lay down a high standard, the Director of Public Instruction in anticipation of Government sanction reduced the minimum which resulted in raising the percentage of passes to ~~56~~ 56 for the seniors and 57 for the juniors. Presumably not satisfied with this the Basic Education Officer feels that more stress should be laid on the internal tests by the heads of Basic Training Schools and recommends the constitution of a Board of Examiners consisting of a moving committee of Examiners who will go from school to school and test the pupils and inspect training schools. The subjects as re-grouped by the Basic Education Officer are as follows:-

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| | 1. Hygiene and Health (including Physical Education.) |
| | 2. Gardening and Kitchen work |
| Group A | 3. Spinning and Weaving |
| | 4. Community training and cultural activities |
| | 5. Work in Practising Schools. |
| | 6. Languages and literature |
| | 7. Child study and Educational Psychology |
| Group B | 8. Principles of Basic Education. |
| | 9. Methods of Teaching |
| | 10. School Administration. |

He suggests that a candidate who gets 50% in each of the subjects Nos. 1 to 5 and 30% only in subjects Nos. 6 to 10 may be declared to have passed the examination. He also suggests

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that if the progress of a trainee is not satisfactory and if the ~~xxx~~ Headmaster is not in a position to recommend the issue of a T.S.L.C. the course of training may be extended upto three months. If the achievements of the trainee are still unsatisfactory, his work in Basic School where he may be appointed might be watched by the inspecting officers and a certificate issued on his recommendation. He recommended that his proposals might be implemented with effect from the school year 1950-51 and requested orders whether the examination to be held in March 51 might be conducted on the basis of the existing grouping of subjects, the examination being conducted internally.

3. At the meeting of the sub committee of the Advisory Board of Basic Education held on 1-12-50 and 2-12-50, the principle of placing reliance on the judgment of the Headmaster and the staff of the training school who alone are competent to decide whether and when their students may be certified to be teachers was whole heartedly accepted.

4. While I am in entire agreement with the regrouping of the subjects suggested by the Basic Education Officer in regard to the holding of internal tests, I am of the view that the internal tests should be confined only to subjects Nos. 1 to 5 and external tests should be conducted for subjects Nos. 6 to 10. In regard to subject No. (6) viz., languages and literature a text book (detailed and non-detailed) as in the case of regular T.S.L.C. examination should be prescribed to secure a proper standard of knowledge in the Regional language which is the medium of instruction. For subjects No. 7 viz., child study and Educational Psychology there may be common papers both for the regular T.S.L.C. and Basic T.S.L.C. Public Examination. The heading of the paper may be changed as "child Nature and Education" as in the case of the regular T.S.L.C. examination. For subjects 8 and 9, there may be separate papers to be set and corrected by persons who are actually working as teachers in Basic Training Schools. For subject No. 10 there should be a common paper both for regular and Basic T.S.L.C. Examination. I may however point out that in the case of the senior grade of the basic T.S.L.C. examination there is not complete and exhaustive paper for school Administration.

The constitution of the Board of Examiners as suggested by the Basic Education Officer is not desirable because the Board cannot be expected to be a permanent body which can be expected to effectively conduct the inspection of Basic Training Schools also. Again the provision for the grant of a certificate on the strength of the recommendation of a Deputy Inspector of schools under whom a failed Basic trained teacher works cannot also be accepted as it is likely to create an impression that the Basic T.S.L.C. Examination is a farce and that the same certificate can be gained after three months in the usual way.

Though Basic Education is still in an experimental stage it is not desirable to make too many changes in the Scheme of Examination which was approved by Government only in 13th March 1948.

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ABSTRACT.

Education Department.

Dated the 13th March 1951.
Read the following:-

From the Director of Public Instruction, No.157 M/50
dated 23-1-51.

The Government approve the proposals of the Director of Public Instruction for the Basic T.S.L.C. may be revised as proposed in his letter cited above, subject to the modification that the question paper in 'Child study and Educational Psychology' should be separate for the ordinary T.S.L.C. and Basic T.S.L.C. Examinations.

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Secretary to Government.

Copy to the Commissioner for Govt. Examination.

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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

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Copy of the letter R.C.No.780-C/50, dated 23-1-51, from the Commissioner for Govt. Examinations, Madras, addressed to the Secretary, to Govt., Education Dept., Madras.

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SUB: EXAMINATION - Basic - T.S.L.C. Examination
Setting of a separate paper ^{on} Psychology.

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I have the honour to state that this year a common question paper on Psychology has been set for the ordinary T.S.L.C and Basic T.S.L.C. Examination. The Hon'ble the Minister for Education has suggested that a separate paper on Psychology may be set by a Basic Man for the Basic T.S.L.C. Examination.

2. I may state in this connection that the Basic Educational Officer agreed to a common paper and the Basic T.S.L.C Board which met early this month approved the common paper with two alternative question to be answered by the Basic candidates. In fact the - alternative questions specially for Basic candidates have been set by the Basic Educational Officer. The papers have already been set and steps have been taken to translate them. In view of the facts stated above, I request you to be good enough to let me know whether the common paper already set may be given to the candidates for the Examination of March 1951. The Hon'ble Minister's suggestion for a separate paper for Basic pupils will be given effect to for the 1952 examination.

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Copy of Govt. Memo. No.3186/F/51-1, Education dated 5-2-51.

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SUB: EXAMINATION - Basic . T.S.L.C. Examination -
Setting of a separate paper on Psychology.

REF: From the G.G.E. R.C.No.780-C/50, dated 28-1-51.

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The Govt. do not agree to a common question paper on 'Psychology' being set for the candidates sitting for the ordinary T.S.L.C and Basic T.S.L.C. examination in March 1951. Steps should be taken at-once for the setting of a separate question paper on the subject, by a qualified person, for the Basic T.S.L.C. examination in accordance with the decision reached at the recent meeting of the State Basic Education Board.

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To The C. G. E.

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